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REPORT AS OF 1900 HOURS LOCAL JULY 31

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1. SUMMARY: BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN THIRD DAY OF TRANSITION TO "NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION RELATIONSHIP" WERE CAUSED BY TURKISH EFFORTS TO COLLECT LANDING FEES FROM U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND TO TAKE OVER SOME U.S. COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS. TURKISH AUTHORITIES' ATTITUDES TOWARD APO AND FREE IMPORTS CONTINUED TO VARY WIDELY IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. MOST INSTALLATIONS CONTINUED TO REPORT NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. RESURFACING AN OLD DISPUTE MADE MORE ACUTE BY RECENT GOT DECLARATION THAT 1954 TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT IS INVALID, TURKISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES AT CIGLI AIRPORT, IZMIR, REFUSED TO CLEAR FOR TAKEOFF USAF MEDICAL EVACUATION AIRCRAFT BOUND FOR INCIRLIK TO TAKE ON PATIENTS UNTIL AIRCRAFT COMMANDER PAID \$135 LANDING FEE. WHEN DCM MADE REPRESENTATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRGEN FOR INT'L SECURITY AFFAIRS YAVUZALP, LATTER EXPRESSED REGRET AT DELAY OF MEDEVAC PLANE. HE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FOR MEDEVAC PLANES. YAVUZALP WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT QUESTION OF LANDING FEES WAS LONG STANDING ISSUE BETWEEN USG AND GOT, AND GOT HAD NEVER ACCEPTED USG ASSERTION THAT LANDING FEES WERE WAIVED BY TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT. YAVUZALP CONTINUED THAT, AS TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT, USG POSITION, WHICH GOT HAD NEVER ACCEPTED, NO LONGER HAD ANY BASIS. DCM SAID HE MUST AGAIN STATE FORMALLY USG CONSIDERED TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER USG/GOT AGREEMENTS AS VALID. YAVUZALP REPLIED, "I EXPECTED YOU TO RESERVE YOUR POSITION, WHICH IS YOUR PRIVILEGE SO LONG AS YOU PAY THE MONEY." CREW OF MEDEVAC PLANE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SIGN CHIT AND ADD WORD, "UNDER PROTEST AND FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS", AFTER SIGNATURE. AS OF DISPATCH THIS TELEGRAM MATTER STILL UNRESOLVED.

3. AT ELMADAG FORWARD SCATTER COMMUNICATIONS STATION NEAR ANKARA, TURKISH BASE COMMANDER ASKED FOR TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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CIRCUITS EACH OF VOICE AND TELETYPE FROM ELMADAG TO DIYARBAKIR AND ERHAC. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OF HIGHER AUTHORITY U.S. COMMANDER DID NOT COMPLY AND TOLD TURKISH COMMANDER THAT INTERFACE EQUIPMENT WAS INOPERATIVE. TURKISH TECHNICIAN SUBSEQUENTLY DEMANDED THAT TERMINAL EQUIPMENT ON A U.S. ELMADAG-INCIRLIK CIRCUIT BE REMOVED AND USED ON TURKISH CIRCUIT. U.S. COMMANDER HAS REFUSED. JUSMMAT PLANS TO REQUEST

THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF TGS AND JUSMMAT REPRESENTATIVES BE SET UP TO HANDLE THIS AND SIMILAR PROBLEMS.

4. TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAVE CONTINUED TO HAMPER APO OPERATIONS BUT IN UNCOORDINATED MANNER. ON NIGHT OF JULY 30, CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES PREVENTED REGISTERED MAIL FROM GOING TO INCIRLIK UNLESS MAIL SACKS OPENED. SACKS WERE NOT OPENED AND REGISTERED MAIL WAS FLOWN OUT OF TURKEY. AT YALVOA AIRFIELD NEAR KARAMURSEL LOCAL GUARDS REFUSED TO PERMIT MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO TAKE ON APO MAIL. ON OTHER HAND, THERE HAS BEEN NO TURKISH INTERFERENCE WITH APO OPERATIONS IN ISTANBUL AND SMALL AMOUNT OF LETTER MAIL CAME THROUGH TO ANKARA TODAY ON TURKISH AIRLINES.

5. CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES' ATTITUDES TOWARDS INCOMING SEA SHIPMENTS ARE ALSO MIXED. ISTANBUL IS RECEIVING ALL INCOMING CARGO. SHIPMENTS ARE ALSO BEING MOVED WITHOUT PROBLEMS THROUGH IZMIR CUSTOMS ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN APPROVED AS AN ENTRY POINT FOR U.S. MILITARY SHIPMENTS. ISKENDERUN AUTHORITIES INDICATE THAT INCOMING SHIPMENTS WILL BE HELD IN CUSTOMS. AT YUMURTALIK POL TERMINAL, TURKISH OFFICIALS LOCKED AND SEALED JP-4 FUEL TANKS. NOTE WAS LEFT WITH U.S. SERGEANT THERE SAYING THAT JP-4 FUEL WOULD BE SOLD BY TURKISH CUSTOMS AS DIRECTED BY OFFICIALS IN ANKARA. AT DIYARBAKIR A C-130 SUPPLY FLIGHT WAS ALLOWED TO LAND AND OFF-LOAD FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR PIRINCLIK TRACKING STATION. TURKISH AUTHORITIES NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FUTURE SHIPMENTS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY PROPER CUSTOMS DOCUMENTATION,
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